and also there are reports which I do not know whether they are correct, I am not making any allegation, he has not been treated properly. So, Sir, I would assure this House that this matter of withdrawing environmental clearance to the Tehri Dam is, as I have stated in the Rajya Sabha, under active consideration and with this I thought we could appeal to Shri Sundarlal Bahugunaji to withdraw his agitation.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Sir, he has made the confusion worse confounded. He has not told what are the conditions that have not been fulfilled and which conditions need to be fulfilled.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, let us take that he has not confused any issue, he has not given any assurance, he would look into the matter very carefully.

Well, on your behalf, on behalf of the Members of Parliament, I would like to say something.

I know Shri Sundarlal Bahugunaji. I had several occasions to meet him and discuss some issues on environment with him. He is an evolved soul. We want his guidance and blessings for the protection of the environment. He should remain hale and hearty. The environment should be protected and preserved. The development should be brought about. If at times they look contrary to each other, we have to strike a balance between the two.

On the Tehri Dam, people have different views. they have to be studied carefully and action has to be taken carefully. Certainly necessary steps can be taken by the Government to study the issue carefully. We. the Members of Lok Sabha, would like to entreat that he should give up his hunger strike and continue to guide the environmentalists and the movement for the protection of the environment in this country and we hope he will heed to our request.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, all of you know that the Bhilai Steel Plant is the largest plant in the country and it is running well. But iron ore is brought here from Dalli-Rajhara but the sources are likely to be exhausted within three years. The construction of rail line from Dalli-Rajhara to Bailadilla has not begun so far. But there are chances of the closure of the Bhilai Plant after three years.

[T*ranslation*]

All the workers of Bhilai, whether they are in steel plant or SAIL and even the Union Steel Minister are worried that this large industry which is giving maximum profit, shall be closed after three or four years, if a railway line is not laid there. That is why, through you I would like to make a special request to the Minister and the Council of Ministers, to expedite construction work on that railway line, If this is not done, it will be of serious consequences. District Bastar is the Biggest tribal district-bigger than Haryana- but it has no railway line. This is the reason, why there is no progress and development in the tribal area. There are various kinds of metals and minerals there which are not being tapped properly. That is why, today, through you, I would like to make a special request that they should start the work for the construction of the railway line.

Secondly, I like to thank the hon. Speaker for appealing to Shri Sunder Lal Bahuguna to end his hunger strike. I also know him for the last forty years. When I was in a Newspaper, he too was associated with the Newspa-

per world. He has a lot of knowledge about the environment. We should give serious thought to his ideas and agree with them. He is not a Member of the Parliament but very few of us possess the knowledge he has about environment. That is why I also agree to the appeal which the hon. Speaker has made on behalf of the whole house. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I shall give an opportunity to a few more members. Today, there is a calling attention motion also, but before that I have to make an announcement.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

12.42 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held this morning made the following recommendations:-

(i) Sitting fixed for Friday, the 20th March, 1992 be cancelled.

(ii) The House may sit upto 8.00 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd, Tuesday, the 24th and Wednesday, the 25th March, 1992, with a view to provide sufficient time for completion of urgent items of Government business, namely, (i) General discussion on the General Budget for 1992-93; (ii) Discussion and Voting on the Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1992-93; (iii) Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1991-92 and passing of connected Appropriation Bills. The Minister of Finance may reply to the debate after Question Hour, without any unlisted business being transacted and disposal of formal items, on Thursday, the 26th March, 1992. The related Appropriation Bills may be passed thereafter.

(iii) The legislative business relating to replacement of Ordinances remaining undisclosed today at the end of the day may be taken up on Thursday, the 26th March, 1992.

The Committee also recommended that Members might be allowed to table notices of Matters under Rule 377, valid for the week commencing Monday, the 23rd March, 1992 upto 6.00 p.m. today, 18 March, 1992. These would be balloted for priority.

I hope the House agrees with the above recommendations.

[*Translation*]

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You have asked a question today also, you had asked a question yesterday as well. let others also get a chance.

DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH (Bulandshahr): Through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the AIDS patients in the country.....

MR. SPEAKER: This has been taken up recently.

DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH: That was about Kerala, I am raising the issue about the whole country.

MR. SPEAKER: I will give you a chance to speak on a good issue. You should meet me.

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): Mr. Speaker, Sir I want to raise a very important issue. It is reported that in Bihar, JMM agitationists